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By Stacie Hahn  
Program Officer

## What if Christmas Means a Little Bit More?

Someone once said “Christmas isn’t a season, it’s a feeling.” Well, it certainly felt a lot like Christmas in the WKCF office in December. Providing grants to deserving non-profits is the heart and soul of the Foundation’s work, but once a year, our Board does something special. When the last grant cycle of the year comes around, currently in November, the Grant Committee meets to determine the recipients. For all intents and purposes, this meeting is much like the previous meetings and ones that have yet to pass, except for one marked difference. As the meeting begins, the Committee decides to carve off a portion of remaining available funds to allocate as surprise Christmas grants.

A Christmas grant is different from the competitive grants from the Foundation in that, first and foremost, it isn’t requested but rather gifted. Deserving non-profit organizations are nominated by Foundation board members for the good work and services they provide to area residents. At the November Grant Committee meeting, the Committee divvies up the carved off portion of funds to the nominated organizations. Then comes the really fun part...WKCF staff and board members deliver the holiday surprises to each recipient just in time for Christmas! If you happen to have been at the Foundation Christmas party on December 8th, then you remember how Chad Knight described the Foundation office as the North Pole, Conny was Santa, and the rest of the staff were the elves. Well, when Christmas grant delivery season arrives, I have to admit I feel like one of Santa’s elves... or reindeer depending on which holiday hat I happen to be wearing. Christmas grants aren’t what you would consider exorbitant, they’re really quite modest. However, when you see the pure joy on the faces of recipients or hear the stories of how they served so many with only a couple hundred dollars, you really begin to understand why grants are the focal point of the Foundation’s work.

For 2017, the WKCF awarded 13 area organizations a total of \$5,900 through Christmas grants. Those organizations were: Ministry of Presence (Garden City), Rolla Public Library (Rolla), Morton County Library (Elkhart), Stanton County Public Library (Johnson), Stevens County Library (Hugoton), Mosaic (Garden City), Los Lobos Boxing (Ulysses), Oasis of Peace (Garden City), Haskell Township

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Bad Boyz Boxing (Garden City)



Stanton County Library (Johnson)





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Library (Sublette), Dudley Township Library (Satanta), Wichita County Arts Alliance (Leoti), Bad Boyz Boxing (Garden City), and Satanta Arts Council (Satanta).

A children's book I'm sure we all know puts it best, "The Grinch with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled 'till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before. What if Christmas, he thought, didn't come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more."

From all of us at the Foundation, we hope you had a very merry Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

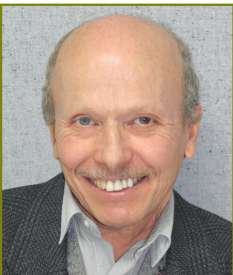


Dudley Township Library (Satanta)

New Board Members



**Josh Biera** received his Bachelor's degree from Fort Hays State University, KS in 1992. He was also a student athlete during his collegiate years. Josh is a Lieutenant with the Kansas Highway Patrol in Garden City. He has served on the St. Dominic school board, Fort Hays State University Alumni Association, Department of Public Safety with Garden City Community College, Real Men Real Leaders as well as several other organizations. Josh is married to Jeanine, who is a native of Sublette, KS and they have two children, Lincoln and Tylee. Josh and his family have been residents of Garden City for almost 20 years and he is excited to assist with the WKCF.



**Neal Gillespie** was born and raised in Hugoton, KS. He went into the insurance business with his father after graduating from High School. Neal attained his CLU-degree from the American College in Bryn Mawr, PA in 1978. He enjoyed a successful career in insurance in Hugoton and Dodge City, KS for 26 years. In 1997, Neal was hired as Stevens County Economic Development Director. He served in that position for over 19 years until his retirement in 2017. Since retiring, Neal has been enjoying traveling and catching up on personal and family business matters. Neal has always been active in his church and his community. He served as Mayor of Hugoton for 12 years, from 1995-2007.



**Peggy Gillen** lives on the family farm near Leoti, KS where she and her husband are fourth generation farmers. For a couple of years after attending Bethel College and then graduating from Kansas State University, she was a social worker for the State of Kansas, working in Mound City, KS. Peggy then returned to the community that had provided her so many opportunities as she was growing up. For the past 40 years she has been the bookkeeper for the family farm. While raising two boys, Peggy gave piano lessons in the school system as well as at home and continues to serve the community as a pianist. She has served on the USD #467 Board of Education and is an Elder and Treasurer of Carwood Community Church in Leoti. Peggy is a founder of the Wichita County Community Foundation – an affiliate organization of WKCF - and has served as chairman, secretary and community coordinator for this organization. She continues to be active in her church and enjoys spending time with her six grandchildren.



**Christy Hopkins** is the director of Greeley County Community Development in Tribune, KS. She is the secretary for Growing the Vision: A Foundation for the Future of Greeley County and treasurer of The Star Theater of Tribune, a community-owned movie theater. Christy serves on the Kansas Sampler Foundation board and is a core-team member of the PowerUps, a Kansas Sampler initiative dedicated to the empowerment and connection of Kansans aged 21-39 who are rural by choice. She holds a Bachelor's degree in mass communications and film from Southwestern College in Winfield, KS.

THANK YOU! MATCHDay Donors and Sponsors!

The Western Kansas Community Foundation is grateful to the sponsors who generously provided the \$50,000 matching dollars for our inaugural Match Day on November 28, 2017:

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The total amount raised was \$111,170.86 by 280 donors. Combined with the \$50,000 matching dollars and \$2,050 in prize grants provided by the WKCF the total amount distributed to these charities was \$163,220.86.

The total donations to each organization made on WKCF's Match Day along with the matching dollars (but minus the prize grants) included:

- Emmaus House – \$10,663.93
- Finney County Community Health Coalition – \$333.25
- Finney County Historical Society – \$4,321.77
- Finney County Humane Society – \$17,389.61
- Finney County Public Library – \$3,206.15
- Finney County United Way – \$21,760.06
- Friends of Lee Richardson Zoo – \$7,748
- Garden City Arts – \$2,830.03
- Garden City Family YMCA – \$50,059.28
- High Plains Public Radio – \$6,498.33
- Miles of Smiles – \$10,987.02
- Russell Child Development Center – \$7,545.71
- St. Catherine Hospital's Benincasa Hospitality House – \$5,850.11
- Community Betterment Fund – \$947.73
- Women of Purpose Fund – \$11,029.89

New Funds

**Dr. Stephen Meyers Endowed Fund**  
Established by St. Catherine's Hospital Development Foundation. The purpose of the fund is to support advancements in education to nurses and respiratory therapists working in the Maternal and Child Service Department.

**Law Enforcement Explorer Program (LEEP) Fund**  
Established by the City of Garden City. The purpose of the fund for the Garden City Police Department is to provide support to young adults interested in a career in law enforcement and raise a personal awareness of the criminal justice system through training, practical experiences and other activities. The LEEP-fund is a non-permanent fund.

**Siemens Family Unrestricted Endowment Fund**  
Established by Gerald and Marguerite Gillen. The purpose of the fund is to provide support for charitable causes in Wichita County.

**Wilmer "Bill" and Dorothea Kline Educational Endowment Fund**  
Established by Thomas M. Walker, trustee. The purpose of the fund is to provide financial aid for post-secondary education for students graduating from Kansas high schools located in Finney, Gray, Haskell, Kearny, Grant and Scott Counties. Awards from this fund may be made for scholarships or other forms of financial aid for students who have attained the education level of juniors or greater at their respective educational institution and who are undertaking as their major area of study agriculture and agriculturally related sciences, wildlife, general sciences, or mathematics.





From the Desk of the Executive Director



Conny Bogaard  
Executive Director

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the many donors, organizations, legal and financial advisors, grant and scholarship recipients and community leaders who worked with WKCF in the past year. We were able to grow because of the commitments of many people to building stronger communities.

On December 31, 2017, we closed our books with \$29M+ in assets; we paid out \$855K+ in grants and fund distributions whereas two significant trusts were bequeathed to us. Assets from the Wilmer "Bill" and Dorothea Kline Trust and the Elizabeth May Rosel Trust are designated to support scholarships according to the final stipulations of the donors which guarantees tremendous educational opportunities for area students in years to come. In 2017, four new funds were established with the WKCF whereas the Legacy Society gained four new donors who promised to leave a portion of their estate to charity upon death. Just before the year's closing, we transferred affiliate funds to Grant County Community Foundation that is now operating under their own nonprofit status. Meanwhile, Wichita County Community Foundation celebrated their 15th Anniversary with \$1M in endowed funds.

Worth mentioning is also the success of our inaugural Match Day on November 28, 2017. On that day only, we received \$111,170.86 from 280 donors. Combined with the \$50,000 matching dollars and \$2,050 in prize grants the total amount distributed was \$163,220.86 to 15 charitable causes. Prior to the event, the City of Garden City had adopted WKCF's recommendation to establish 'Giving Tuesday' (the first Tuesday following Thanksgiving) as a national day of giving. With that, City Commissioners encouraged citizens to serve others throughout the holiday season and during other times of the year. I'm looking forward to what 2018 holds for us as we continue to work to fulfilling our promises of a thriving Western Kansas.

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The Stewardship Counseling program has been made possible thanks to generous support from Garden City Community College Endowment Association and Commerce Trust Company of Garden City. Stewardship Counseling appointments are generally scheduled on the 3rd Tuesday of the month – except for July and December – at a first-come-first-served basis. Call the WKCF office at 620-271-9484 to set an appointment!

Wichita County Community Foundation  
Reaches Endowment Goal

By Laura Berning, WCCF President



2017 marked the 15-year anniversary of the Wichita County Community Foundation (WCCF), an affiliate of WKCF. It was also the last year to raise money for matching GROW II funds from the Kansas Health Foundation. With these major milestones in mind, the WCCF board launched a capital campaign to reach one million dollars in endowed funds before the end of 2017. More than \$260,000 in gifts were received throughout the year, making our ending endowed balance just over \$1,000,000.

To help meet this million-dollar goal, the Foundation board members reached out to individuals, business owners and friends of the WCCF. The Foundation hosted a community celebration in November of 2017. The outcome of the community celebration was very positive for this growing foundation. New local and out-of-county donors were identified, community understanding of the WCCF was improved and connections with various generations were made. WCCF reached it's million-dollar goal because the citizens of Wichita County understand the importance of financial resources to maintain the vibrancy of the community both now and in the future!

WCCF is excited to start 2018 with many opportunities of continued growth and service. The Western Kansas Community Foundation has played a vital role in helping WCCF grow and continue as a sustainable foundation.

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It is hard to believe that 2017 is behind us, but it is a great time to highlight the accomplishments of the past year. With the support of the citizens of Southwest Kansas, and the vision of our staff and board members, Western Kansas Community Foundation had an exciting year. Between new funds created, additions made to existing funds and the enormous success of our first Match Day-event, we were truly blessed.

As I reflect back it is amazing the progress the WKCF has made not only in this last year but since the inception of this wonderful organization. Each and every gift received increases the Foundation's impact of giving to those in need in Southwest Kansas. It is our wish for you that this New Year will bring good things to the special people in your lives. We have a special gift in our communities, partnerships with people who care about others and people who share with those around them. We also know that these partnerships are key to our success and we look forward to continue making a difference in 2018 – together.

Grant Application Deadlines

Application Due Dates are March 1st, July 1st and November 1st. Grants are awarded in April, August and December.

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